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ABSTRACT

An objective of the American Chemical Society is to promote alternatives to landfilling for the disposal of laboratory chemical wastes. One method is to reduce the amount of chemicals that become wastes. This is the basis for the "less is better" philosophy. This bulletin discusses various techniques involved in purchasing control, inventory control, surplus chemical exchange, reclamation, and recycling of chemicals. The document is intended for persons responsible for managing hazardous laboratory waste chemicals in industry and education. The last section of this bulletin is devoted to practical examples of minimizing waste through careful and comprehensive planning in teaching and research laboratories. (CW)

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